

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 8 are currently pending in the application.

This amendment is in response to the Office Action of May 4, 2004.

Information Disclosure Statement(s)

Applicant notes the filing of an Information Disclosure Statement on June 19, 2003 and notes that a copy of the third sheet of PTO-1449 was not returned with the outstanding Office Action. Applicant respectfully requests that the information cited on the PTO-1449 (which is the same as that of record to that date in the parent application hereto) be made of record herein.

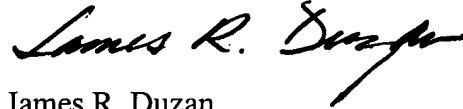
Double Patenting Rejection Based on U.S. Patent No. 6,583,504

Claims 1 through 8 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 through 9 of U.S. Patent 6,583,504. In order to avoid further expenses and time delay, Applicant elects to expedite the prosecution of the present application by filing a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejection in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321 (b) and (c). Applicant's filing of the Terminal Disclaimer should not be construed as acquiescence of the Examiner's double patenting or obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Attached is the Terminal Disclaimer and accompanying fee.

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Applicant requests the allowance of claims 1 through 8 and the case passed for issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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